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Bergeson statement on state forest land certification

OLYMPIA – May 3, 2005 – Superintendent of Public Instruction Terry Bergeson, who serves as a voting member of the Board of Natural Resources, provided the following statement regarding today's announcement:

"I am very pleased by today's announcement that the state has gained SFI certification for our state's trust lands. It is a clear signal to the trust beneficiaries, which include the K-12 public schools, of the exemplary manner in which these lands are managed.

"One of my guiding principles as a board member is that sustainability and trust loyalty are compatible concepts, and this award proves that we have achieved this goal, not just in policy, but also in practice.

"All citizens of our state can be very proud of this award for demonstrating our on-going sustainable management of our natural resources."

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